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**Members of the Budgetary Sub-Committee**

In mid October, I sent out a Circular Communication (IWC.CCG.132) inviting countries to nominate representatives for the Budgetary Sub-Committee. This was done in response to criticisms made in Adelaide concerning the sub-committee's limited composition.

Apart from the original participants in the Budgetary Sub-Committee, only the USA indicated that they wished to join the group. The membership of the Sub-Committee now therefore comprises:

- Japan (Chair)
- Australia
- Norway
- Oman
- USA
- Secretariat

The role of the Budgetary Sub-Committee is to review income and expenditures and proposed budgets, thereby expediting the work of the full Finance and Advisory Committee. The sub-committee is expected to complete nearly all its work intersessionally, but a short meeting of the sub-committee will be held during the IWC Annual Meeting in London in July later this year. A firm date is not yet fixed, but it will take place in the week of 16<sup>th</sup> July.

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